

31st Chingam 1113, 8th Kanni 1113, etc., on the glaring injustice done to the Catholics in the higher services of the Education Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Yes. My attention was drawn to a few articles in the 'Malabar Mail' stating that some injustice is done to Catholics in the higher services of the Education Department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Is it a fact?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—It is not a fact.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—How many Catholic Headmasters are there?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—There are none at present.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Does the Hon'ble Member consider that it is equitable?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—I don't think that there is any rule to the effect that there should be a Roman Catholic Headmaster or a Romo Syrian or a Nayar Headmaster, or anything like that. It all depends upon the time at which a person enters service. There was a time when there were Brahmins only in the teaching profession.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—I did not want to speak anything. But your answer compelled me to speak.

Classes with the strength of 45 or more.

18. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of classes in which the strength is 45 or more in the schools of the State this year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—682.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Sir, 682 is a big number. Are not these classes mainly in aided schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—The majority are in aided schools.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Is there not a real complaint that there is not sufficient room for these

classes in the aided schools holding more than 45 pupils in the class.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—There are complaints. But I should like to inform the Hon'ble Members of this House that this number was fixed with a view to see that some kind of education is given rather than refusing accommodation altogether. The alternative was between giving no seat and increasing the number from 40 to 45.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Has not the number been subsequently raised to 50?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Yes.

Resolution regarding eligibility of students for Public Service—Action taken on.

19. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the following resolution was accepted by the Government, during discussion in the Council on Vrischigam 10, 1112:

“That students who are declared eligible for the University course with 40 per cent of marks in English, are also eligible for the Public Service, if they pass at least one part of the Intermediate Examination of any year”.

(2) did the Government call for remarks from the officers concerned, as soon as notice of such a motion was received;

(3) did not the Government consider their suggestions, before the subject was taken in the Council for discussion;

(4) did not the Government Secretary and Director of Public Instruction give their views on the floor of the Council;

(5) after considering all these, did not the Government accept the resolution;

(6) what happened subsequently to this resolution;

(7) how many persons applied for relief under this resolution;

(8) what relief was granted;

(9) if no relief was granted, what is the reason?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—
(1) Yes.